

## Abstract of the Disclosure

To address the need for an apparatus and method for quickly  
5 establishing a CDMA dispatch call, the present invention provides for  
paging mobile stations (e.g., 120-123) to inform them of the call and then  
starting the dispatch call without waiting for page responses from the call  
participants. The dispatch call is first transmitted by base sites (e.g., 110-  
112) of all the service coverage areas (e.g., 101-103) that may have call  
10 participants, and then discontinued at those base sites where no page  
responses are received within a period of time. Thus, the dispatch call is  
established while "call setup" effectively continues.

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